

**11/2/09 - Monday, November 2, 2009**

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of November 2, 2009**

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione, Bob Von Haden, John Mann

Members Absent: None

Minutes. The minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**1. Consideration of Expanded Third Ward Historic Landmark District as a Local Landmark District.**

The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation of the Expanded Third Ward Historic Landmark District at their October 5, 2009 meeting. As noted at the October meeting, the Third Ward local landmark historic district was first designated in 1984 after the original National Register District was created in 1983. The National Register District was then expanded in 2004 based on additional historic survey work undertaken by the State Historical Society. The revised boundary of the local historic district now being considered by the Landmarks Commission would address two items, more closely coinciding the local historic district boundary with the boundary of the National Register District from 2004 and reinstating properties that were removed from the local landmark district in 1992.

Based on input at the October meeting, the Commission decided to take separate actions on the two issues pertaining to the expansion of the district and the reinstatement of the properties. The Commission recommended that the properties within the expanded National Register District that were not within the existing local district be added to the local landmark district. The Commission then tabled consideration of reinstating the opted-out properties until the November meeting.

It was noted that consideration of the changes proposed to this local landmark district is recommended in the City™s 2005 Comprehensive Plan and the Third Ward Neighborhood Plan.

The Commission was informed that three letters had been submitted regarding the proposed designation since the October meeting. One letter from was from Bernie and Karla Hoefgen, 431 Lincoln Avenue, in support of the district. The second letter was from Dale Johnson, President of the Eau Claire Historical Preservation Foundation indicating support of the proposed designation on behalf of the Foundation. The third letter was from Patrick Kurtenbach, Chairperson for the Third Ward Neighborhood Association indicating the Neighborhood Association™s support for designation of the district and inclusion of those properties that opted-out of the district in 1992.

Jenny Ebert noted that although the Commission™s public hearing was held in October, anyone that did not speak at that meeting was welcome to provide their comments to the Commission.

Doug Hibray, 1300 Park Creek Court, Fall Creek, spoke in opposition to reinstating the opted-out properties. Mr. Hibray stated that he owned four properties that were opted-out of the district in 1992 and did not want them brought back into the district. He stated that he did not like to like the added restrictions of a landmark property and wanted flexibility in making improvements to his properties.

Leonard Drescher, 1209 Collins Court, spoke in opposition to reinstating the opted-out properties. He indicated that he did not want his property subject to Commission review. He added that he felt that many of the property owners were not aware that the Commission was considering reinstating the opted-out properties.

Patrick Kurtenbach, 1705 Park Avenue, spoke in support of the designation. Mr. Kurtenbach stated that he owned a landmark property and appreciated the Commission™s input on recent improvements to his property.

The district plan as required in Chapter 2.65 was discussed by the Commission as well as issues relating to the properties that were removed from the original historic district in 1992.

Ken Fulgione stated that he felt that the historic district has helped maintain overall neighborhood stability of the Third Ward as well as strong property values in the area. He added that it is important to reinstate the opted-out properties in order to provide continuity from one property to the next within the district.

Jenny Ebert and Ken Ziehr discussed the benefits of the landmark district in relation to the neighborhood and community.

Ken Ziehr moved to recommend approval of the Expanded Third Ward Historic District as set forth in the historic district plan to include both the properties within the 2004 Expanded Third Ward National Register District that are located outside of the existing local landmark district and reinstating properties removed from the local district in 1992, noting that the district meets the criteria for designation in that it exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, economic, and social history of the community and the district embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, inherently valuable for the study of a particular period and in the method of construction. Bob Von Haden seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Discussion and Recommendation on Historic Plaque.**

The Commission continued their discussion from the September 1st meeting regarding a request to erect a plaque recognizing Donald æSarge Boyd in the vicinity of the Owen Park Donald æSarge Boyd Bandshell. Mr. Willard Brill and Mrs. Anne Walker were present at the meeting and indicated that they had revised the draft narrative for the plaque as requested by the Commission. Mrs.

Walker briefly reviewed the narrative that they had prepared for the plaque and provided a draft lay-out for the plaque. Mrs. Walker also indicated that the group she represents is willing to pay for or sponsor the majority of the cost of the plaque similar to previous recreational trail plaques installed by the Commission.

The Commission discussed the revised draft and thanked Mr. Brill and Mrs. Walker for their work in revising the narrative and developing the lay-out. They indicated that they would obtain cost estimates for the plaque and review the narrative in greater detail prior to the next meeting. At that time, the Commission will discuss the level of sponsorship necessary.

### **3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.**

A. HPF Report. Pat Kurtenbach from the Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF) updated the Commission on projects and activities of the HPF.

B. Update on 2009 CLG Grant Project. The Commission discussed the informational meeting for the CLG grant project held on October 19th. The grant funds will be used to conduct Intensive Historic Surveys for the Eastside Hill Neighborhood and the neighborhood located to the northwest of Platt Street and First Street. Tim Heggland and Joe DeRose from the State Historical Society attended the meeting.

C. Commission Appointments. The Commission continued their discussion that Ken Ziehr and John Mann would be completing their second terms on the Commission at the end of the year. Possible replacements were discussed with Katrinka Bourne becoming the architect for the Commission. A citizen member and historian would need to fill the two vacant positions. Pat indicated that he had contacted the person John Mann had suggested for the historian position and that she appeared to be interested. The Commission stated that they would talk to other people regarding the vacant citizen member position.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary